THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: The rationale for enhancing, the rate of Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi in Kendriya Vidyalayas is to provide better infrastructure and added extra curricular activities, maintenance and up-keep of Vidyalaya premises for congenial learning and personality development of students.

Establishment of KVs

3426. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of pending proposals received from State Governments, for establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas in various States;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other Southern State Governments have requested to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in their States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) There are 44 pending proposal received from State Governments/UTs, for establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas in various States/UTs.

(b) and (c) A Statement indicating details of the proposals for setting up new Kendriya Vidyalayas received from State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep (UT) is enclosed (*See* below). No proposal has been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry (UT).

Statement

Regarding establishment of KVs

Sl. No.	State/UT	Location	Present position
1.	Karnataka	1. Gadag	Proposal is at the examination stage with reference to the prescribed norms for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas.
		2. Navnagar, Bagalkot	The proposal has been examined in details and found feasible subject to approval of the Govt. for the same.

Sl. No.	State/UT	Location	Present position
2.	Kerala	1. Palayad, Thalasserry	The proposal has been examined in details and found feasible subject to approval of the Govt. for the same.
		2. Kanhagad	Proposal is at the examination stage with reference to the prescribed norms for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas.
		3. Wadakkancherry	Proposal is at the examination stage with reference to the prescribed norms for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas.
		4. Kozhikode	Proposal not received in the requisite format.
3.	Lakshadweep, UT	Kalpeni	Proposal is at the examination stage with reference to the prescribed norms for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Peace studies in schools

3427. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to start peace studies in schools has been received from UNESCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the content of the studies and the mode of introduction thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) No formal proposal has been received from UNESCO to start "peace studies" in schools. However, educationists from India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka at the Conference on Curriculum Development on Peace Education organised in Colombo by UNESCO in January, 2000 had recommended that peace education should be an integral part of the general education of all children in